SMITH'S GUERRILLAS.

ome of the Work Done by Them in the

Red River Campaign.

THE ELEVENTH CORPS.

What is the Real Animus of the Attacks upon that Organization? EING a close reader of THE NATIONAL

TRIBUNE, I have read with considerable surprise the latest endeavor to enth Corps. And the first inquiry that arises troops that composed that organization been subjected to enough lies and villification to in these latter days there has appeared a historian who knows more about the battle of Gettysburg than Gens, Doubleday, Hunt, Col. Bachelder, or any of the great men upon whom the world has depended for the story of that fearful encounter. This man, with a few others to protect his flanks, held the most of Hill's Corps and a large part of Rodes's Division of the rebel army in check on the 1st day of July, 1863, from 2 o'clock p. m. until sundown. And now this historian with the iron gall very patronizingly tells us that "some of the Eleventh Corps men have taken characteristic numbrage because he has said that the result of the first day's battle would have been different had the Sixth Corps been present instead of the Eleventh." He now tries to avoid the just resentment of the boys he has endeavored to belittle by saying that there was a great difference in the strength of the two

Now, while this is and can only, from the nature of things, amount to mere supposition, and is therefore of no value as history or any thing else, yet, when it is repeated, unchallenged, might be accepted by those unacquainted with the facts as the truth; and thus as good troops as ever formed line of battle would receive unmerited censure. In studying the work done by the First and

corps numerically, but his evasion is lame.

Eleventh Corps at that time, compare the positions occupied by the different organizations. The First held a commanding position, and were fighting almost entirely on the defensive. When the Eleventh Corps arrived the enemy had already taken position and planted cannon on Oak Hill and the high ground east of it, and the corps was compelled to fight for position, taking the offensive over very unfavorable ground. That they performed their duty manfully is the testimony of every authentic record of the event.

Gen. Doubleday, the able commander of the First Corps after Gen. Reynolds was killed, says that although their right flank was enveloped, and they were greatly outnumbered, they fought gallantly. And history is searched in vain to find a more heroic resistance than was made by the two brigades of Gens. Ames and Von Gilsa and Battery G, 4th U.S. Art, Where in the history of the pations can be found a more devoted action or heroic death right here I want to put on record the opinion, and it is fully supported by a careful study of their record, that there was not anywhere in the Army of the Potomac four better regiments then those commanded by Gen. Adelbert Ames, viz., the 17th Coun., 25th, 75th, and 107th Ohio. These men were soldiers tried and true, who always and upon every occasion performed their duty with unflinching bravery. The Confederate General John B. Gordon, who Baten Rouge Battle-ground Visited by a attacked them that hot July afternoon, says: They made stern resistance, and were only dislodged after repeated assaults by superior numbers." This is the official record, not the unsupported assertion of an unreliable and and the others named, the names of Gens. Francis C. Barlow and Adelbert Ames will not suffer in comparison with the best of them.

studied the field of Gettysburg will assert that in which the writer figured more conspicuthe first day's field could have been held by ously was known as Magnolia Grove. Here possession of Oak Hill, which dominates all burialground for a large number of Breck-the ground northeast of Gettysburg? The inridge's men. It was in this grove that

The wonder being that, after allowing about feet from me, and at that time we were too one-sixth of his own force to be attacked by busily occupied with the other fellows to think two thirds of Lee's whole army, and leaving of killing our own men. The 21st Ind. has the small remnant practically unsupported a had enough to bear, without having such a whole day, and not having interest enough in dastardly deed charged up against them. the result to ride to the front himself-the Corps were not annihilated or captured.

After the First Cerps was all engaged, and the, Generals on the ground had discovered the thickest of the fight, and soon fell, pierced what it was that they had encountered, the by rebel, not Union, bullets. Eleventh Corps was simply thrown in piecemeal to prolong the struggle and prevent the ing to write a history of the battle. I was only capture of the troops already engaged. I ask one of 1,000, and could see no further than the any honest and unprejudiced comrade to study rest of my comrades. I can only claim that I the situation, forces engaged, and official rec- did my duty, nothing more. Neither would I ords, and if he is not convinced that the boys of attempt to snatch the laurels from a single the crescent badge did all that men could do, then I have studied the subject in vain.

double-quick, they swung into line just in tacked by Hoke's Brigade in front, supported by Smith's Brigade, while Hay's Brigade actually moved to their rear past their left of Stonewall Jackson's legions at Chancellors- | surpassed by the National Cemetery, directly ville, now met the assault of Early's Division | to the south. Here I passed a few pleasant with unflinching firmness. Col. Godwin, who hours with the gentlemanly Superintendent, commanded Hoke's Brigade, says (see official Records, Series I., Vol. 27, page 484): "They stabbornly held their position until we were actually in their midst." Hoke's Brigade lost 145 men in this assault, and when Bushbeck's the walks are covered with sea-shells, the old brigade finally fell back, their four small grass is kept clipped close, and not a leaf alregiments were surrounded by 14 regiments of the enemy at short range; and yet their re- shrubs are to be seen in conspicuous places, and treat was far from being a rout, as they stopped at the kiln and fired a few parting shots, and after regaining the street resisted the advance

supported word of this new historian (?) to her tenderest care? Magnolia Grove is all gone; prove to the survivors of Early's Division | a few scattering houses occupy the ground. that their 589 killed and wounded that day, The city now reaches the cemetery, and a streetand the 400 Union dead gathered by them at | car line runs on the eastern limit of our old this point, did not indicate that they met foe- campground. This line runs out on Main men worthy of them then and there. The street beyond the old Catholic Cemetery, and boys that Pat Jones had the honor to command, | turns south by the front of the National Cemeor that gallant Pennsylvania regiment led by tery. The old Government barracks have Capt. Dan Kelly, were not in the habit of been bought by the State, and are used for a leaving the field of battle until the foe had university. The State House has been repairfelt the quality of their ammunition; and ed, and looks just as nice as it did in 1862. A they had proven by their conduct 60 days before, on the south bank of the Rappahannock, between New Orleans and Memphis, via Baton | Ill. was, and was not in sight of it. It was dithat they were not to be rattled because other organizations in their vicinity were in confusion. And it needs only a careful reading in history concerning the doings of the Army of the official reports of the commanding officers opposed to them to prove that they per- | the regiments actually engaged at Baton Rouge, formed their whole duty nobly on every field the number killed and wounded; also, if possiupon which they appeared.

And now regarding the much-debated even- H. C. WILKINS, Co. H, 21st Ind., Crowley, La. ing of July 2, at East Cemetery Hill. It is not to be wondered at that Carroll's Brigade should want all the credit that belongs to them; and I am proud to say that I have never heard or seen a word from any member of the Eleventh Corps that in any way tended to cheat them of one laurel which they earned. And in all the Eleventh Corps controversy, the these troops, on the march, halted near a farm- the comrade that I never unjustly criticize remarks from members of that body have house, and the Captain, in conversation with always been free from any tinge of malice or | the owner, remarked that he was going to the low insinuation regarding any other organiza- Bull Run battlefield and would remain there | Chickamauga show how well that part of the tion, notwithstanding the dirty slings to which over Sunday. The farmer's daughter, seated

they have been subjected. But to return to East Cemetery Hill. Can any of our would-be critics inform us who it was | Captain, yours will be the first Union soldiers that captured the colors of the 8th La., so-called | who have stayed there that long." "Tigers"? It was gallant Adj't Young, of the 107th Ohio. And who can point to more daring bravery than that shown by the Color-Sergeant of that same regiment, as he jumped upon the stone wall and waved the old flag in the very faces of the foe, and met his death like a true

soldier? All honor to Serg't Geible. The man who asserts that Ames's Brigade did

What does the commander of the 6th N. C. say? and this regiment was as far inside our line as any. See Maj. Tate's Report, Official Records, Unparalelled Casualties in the Faded End Series 1, Vol. 27, page 486: "After a struggle such as this war has furnished no parallel, 75 North Carolinians of the 6th regiment and 12 Louisianans of Hay's Brigade actually scaled the wall and planted the colors of these two regiments on the guns. The enemy stood with a tenacity never before displayed by them."

Now no one has had the cheek to claim that

Carroll's Brigade had reached the vicinity at that time. This desperate stand, then, was made by the Eleventh Corps. Again, it seems to me that at the time of the battle some credit was given to the 33d Mass, for the repulse of that desperate charge; in fact, they have the best of cast obloquy on the poor old Elev- authority for claiming that their oblique fire poured into the flank of the enemy was one of is this: What is the cause? Have not the the main causes of his repulse; and speaking of the 33d Mass, brings us to another brigade of the Eleventh Corps, Second Brigade, Second Divisentitle them to a respite? But it seems that ion, commanded by Orland Smith, consisting list Mass. H. A.. of the 33d Mass., 55th and 73d Ohio, and 136th This brigade has a history second to These were the gallant heroes of whom Gen. George H. Thomas said, "Their bayonet charge up a steep and difficult kill, completely routing the enemy from his barricades, will rank among the distinguished feats of arms of this war"; and Pap Thomas was not given to of Pierce's Brigade were killed and mortally

taffy slinging. so was the line of the Second Corps next day at the angle, and other troops were thrown in in each case to help the men at the threatened and cry made over Carroll's Brigade being sent to help Ames out than there is over the fact | wounded. Total casualty list, 199; or 63 more that the First Corps and other troops had to be sent in to help the Second Corps out on the the Baltimore pike being full of Eleventh Corps stragglers, Gen. Doubleday says that Gen. Webb had to post a line of men behind his line of battle to drive back or shoot stragglers. So it

appears that the Second Corps had 'em, too. But why continue? The evidence is almost Corps are without facts to support their malignant falsehoods, and this latest attack is made by one who is fast gaining a reputation for action reckless statements.

The originators of these malicious stories should bear in mind that they always overshoot their mark, and their statements are like the bushman's boomerang: they return from whence they came, and injure no one so much as the one who starts them.

I had promised myself to never again notice any of the invidious remarks made against the old corps. But as I stood recently on the ground made sacred by the blood of some of my old comrades, and where my own flesh was made to feel the power of rebel lead, there arose in my mind the question, Is it not my duty to defend the memory of those who gave their lives here that their country might live in the full enjoyment of liberty among all its citizens?

I have waited in vain so far for some more able writer to take up the facts of history and present them in the defense of the muchabused corps. Let us tell the stories of our mander of the battery just mentioned? And onacs and raids, but let him who attempts to gain a cheap notoriety by traducing the memory of his late comrades, suffer the just verdict of being unworthy to be called comrade. Yours for one country, one flag, one President, one Presidential term, and the truth at all times-C. W. McKAY, Fergus Falls, Minn.

AFTER 30 YEARS.

Comrade. URING the first days of September 1 had occasion to make a business trip to our Capital city, and while there took the opportunity to visit the old obscure writer, and I fearlessly assert that, battleground. It will be remembered by the while according all praise due to Sedgwick few living who took an active part in that memorable affair, that the battle of Baton Ronge was fought on August 5, 1862. The Is it possible that any same man who has part of the ground contested for, but the place any 24,000 men when attacked on three sides many of Indiana's noble sons gave up their by 35,000 to 40,000, and the superior force in lives for their country. It was likewise the fact is that the first day's battle was a great | the brave Gen. Williams fell. It has been mistake as a military movement, and would | hinted to me at different times that Williams not have occurred had Gen. Meade known the was killed by his own men, but this I wish to brand as untrue. The General fell but a few

About the last words I heard Gen. Williams wonder, I say, is that the First and Eleventh | utter were these: "Indianians, you are brave boys; your officers are all killed, but I'll take command of you." So saying he rode into

Let met say right here that I am not attemptcommand of our army, especially the 6th Mich. But in the language of Ben Butler to me, as I At 4 p. m., when it became evident that the lay wounded in the St. James Hotel, in New advanced position could be held no longer, the Orleans; the General in passing through the First Brigade, Second Division, Eleventh Corps | ward came upon four Hossiers, and made inwas ordered to advance through the town and quiry as to what regiment we belonged. Being cover the retreat. Thus, in the fortunes of the nearest to him, I replied, "21st Ind." "You war, this brigade was required to go forward | are brave boys; your regiment saved the day at to the post of duty when their comrades were | Baton Rouge." Then and there for the first in retreat. Under such circumstances it re- time I found the tender place in old Ben's quires the nerve and staying qualities of vet- heart, for great tears were rolling down his erans. The movement was performed in fine cheeks. But to my subject. It might be instyle. Moving out Stratton street on the teresting to many of the boys to know that the old hedge fence where we received our first front of Kuhn's brick-kiln. Hardly had they fire still stands, although it has grown much reached their position before they were at- higher than it was in 1862. Here the brave Latham fell and Maj. Have and many others were wounded. The little cemetery through which a part of the regiment passed, west of flank. Although nearly surrounded, those the hedge, is now known as Magnolia Cemetery, men, who had so nobly withstood the onslaught | and is a beautiful place, nicely kept, and only

who was a member of the old 23d Ind. This is certainly one of the most magnificent plots of ground I have ever beheld. Shadetrees have been planted at regular intervals, lowed to wither on the grounds. Flowering some of the tropical fruits are grown on the grounds. The monuments are washed regularly and tenderly cared for. Here lies buried It will take something more than the un- not a grateful country hallow the spot with railroad has been in operation for some years

> Have Time Now. A squadron of cavalry is now quartered near

East, the troops have been sent in turn to vari- on the War Department maps of that part of ous Virginia battlefields. Recently one of the battle. I will take the liberty to state to near by on the piazza, began to laugh, and when asked for an explanation, said: "Well,

of the Gulf, I want to ask the Editor to give

ble, the numbers and loss on the other side .-

The Virtue of Promptitude Is in nothing more forcibly shown than in the escape from disease of those who heed its warnings. Foresight is wisely practiced by persons who, observing that their kidneys want activity, impart to them a healthy impulse with Hostetter's Stomach not do their duty grandly and nobly upon that occasion, either does not know the facts of history or cares not for the truth of his statements.

Bitters. By so doing they avoid Bright's disease and other destructive renal maladies. Chills and fever, indigestion, constipation, liver trouble, rheuters, matism, should be nipped in the bud by the Bitters.

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BATTLE LOSSES.

of Mott's Division. S supplementary to my late contribution to your columns of "Fighting Them Over," it may be of interest to consider the battle losses during the the regiments comprising Pierce's Brigade, or what was termed by Comrade Dayton, 36th Wis., as "the faded end of Mott's Division," Second Corps, at the battle of Boyd-

According to Fox's "Three Hundred Fighting Regiments," in which each regiment in this brigade has a full-page description, the total respective losses in killed and wounded of the organization are as follows:

Killed and mortally Wounded. wounded. Totals 1,042

or a grand total of 3,536 men killed wounded in battle with the enemy. At Boydton road, according to Fox, 39 men

wounded, and, applying his approved ratio, 2.5 The fact is that when Carroll's Brigade ar- per cent., for the wounded (not killed), the rived the struggle was practically over. The latter were 47 in number, or a total casualty line of the Eleventh Corps was broken. But | list for the brigade in this action of 136 men. According to Walker's history, "The Secoud Army Corps," the losses in the whole Second Division (Egan's) were 30 men killed at point, and why there should be any more bue Boydton road and 169 wounded. The last figures presumably include the mortally

than the loss in Pierce's single brigade. The casualty list, as given here, of Mott's enthird day, I am at a loss to understand. As to tire division is 57 killed, 366 wounded; or a total of 423; 224 men hit in Mott's Division in excess of those "scarred by bullet-wounds" in Egan's Division.

These figures are interesting by themselves, and, too, are refreshing in a use to controvert an implication that Pierce's Brigade failed in endless that the traducers of the Eleventh | its duty at Boydton road on Oct. 27, 1864, or that, taken as a whole, the division of Gershom Mott did not "keep up to the scratch" in the

> In this connection it may not be out of place to make a comparison of the casualty list (killed) of Pierce's Brigade, made up of five regiments, with that of noted brigades Col. Fox mentions in his work, the distinction being that the regiments comprising brigades of his mention, especially the three first, had continuous service in the one brigade organization. As meeting the highest loss, numerically, he names the Vermont Brigade, Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac, which comprised five regiments of infantry and one of heavy artillery, all from one State. Vermont Brigade, six regiments, killed and

Iron Brigade, five regiments, killed and died

Pierce's Brigade may next be mentioned,

Five regiments, infantry, and one regiment heavy artillery, killed and died of wounds., 1,042 killed and died of wounds First Jersey Brigade, six regiments, Sixth Corps, killed and died of wounds............ Excelsior Brigade, six regiments, Third Corps, killed and died of wounds...... Meadman's Brigade, 16 regiments of infantry, Eighteenth Corps, killed and died of

Harker's Brigade, nine regiments of infantry, Fourth Corps, killed and died of wounds.... 1,107 Which completes the consideration by Fox of mortuary losses by brigades on the field of battle. From the above it would appear that Pierce's Brigade holds a good third on this list, and that with such record, even if acquired partly in other brigade organizations, the matter of its composition cannot now be called in question,-N. S. LITTLEFIELD, 1st Mass. H.

Willich's Brigade, nine regiments of in-fantry, Fourth Corps, killed and died of

WITH THE CAVALRY.

A., Bandon, Ore.

The Last Campaign from Sailor's Creek to Appoinattox.

TN the issue of Sept. 8, 1892, Gen. Olmsted gives an account of Col. Starbird and the 19th Me. saving the wagon-road bridge, also says that if it had not been for the prompt saving of that bridge Lee would not have surrendered as soon as he did, and possibly not at all. There is no doubt but that Col. Starbird and the 19th Me, did a noble service in saving the bridge, but if Gen. Olmsted had been with Gen. Sheridan's command from Sailor's Creek to Appomattox he would have come to the conclusion that that bridge and his (Olmsted's) whole command would not have had any influence on the general result.

In looking over my diary I see on April 6 that Sheridan's cavalry attacked Gen. Lee's left flank, under Gen. Ewell, and captured a large number of prisoners, wagons, supplies,

April 7-Marched to Farmville, forded the river, and again attacked Lee's left flank at Farmville, but was not as successful as at Sailor's Creek. Then marched to Prospect Sta-

April 8-Marched to Appomattox Station and captured a train of supplies.

April 9-Marched toward Appomattox Courthouse, and was attacked by Gen. Lee's troops, and was hotly engaged until relieved by Gen. Ord's colored troops. Then our brigade (J. Irwin Gregg's, of the Second Division) was sent back towards Lynchburg and met a brigade of rebel cavalry, and became hotly engaged with them until there was a flag of truce sent out through of Gen. Lee's surrender. The 16th Pa. Cav. made the last charge of

they would have got to Appomattox Station on | until I was sure. the 8th of April if that bridge had been deth Pa. Cav., New Lebanon, Pa.

PEACH-TREE CREEK.

Comrade Dolton Explains What He Meant in a Former Article.

THAVE read the very interesting article of Comrade H. C. King in your issue of Feb. 23, and write to set the comrade somewhat nearer right than he is now.

The stampede to which I alluded in my former article was to the right of where the 100th Rouge, and passes up the river in front of the | rectly in front of the bridge over which New-State House, under the hill. There is so litte | ton's artillery crossed, on the Buck Head and Atlanta road, and the fragments of regiments that stampeded, together with the pack-mules, etc., were not of the 100th Ill. or 57th Ind. The comrade does not seem to be aware that there were two divisions of the Fourth Corps

between him and the Twenty-third Corps at the time of the charge. The comrade does not relish my former remarks about the troops that were driven from Washington, on the old Lee estate, "Arlington," | the field at Chickamauga, but my remarks says the Argonaut. Since their arrival in the | were praise compared with the picture of them anyone, certainly not those who wore the blue. The slain and wounded on our right at army fought, and I assuredly feel as proud over their work as I do over that of the Reserve Corps. They held their ground as well as they

could and as long.

I did not allude in that article to the troops that went back to Rossville with Gen. Negley. I will also add, for the information of the comrade, that I had a purpose in view in writing my article as I did, and I accomplished it, and it was far from being to the injury of

As Battery M, 1st Ill., was generally not very far from the 100th Ill. on the Atlanta campaign, the comrade can tell whether it was common for it to be in safe places, well to the rear, or PICKET SHOTS.

WAS delighted to read the communica-tion of Comrade P, C. Smith, Major of the 119th Ill., regarding the services performed by A. J. Smith's Guerrillas on the Red River campaign. It is true, as the com-rade states, we (old A. J.'s boys) are getting old

and gray, those that are left, but the memory of those scenes we passed through on that expedition are indelibly stamped on my mind. I belonged to Co. E. 27th Iowa, Second Brigade, Second Division, Sixteenth Corps. Our brigade was composed of the 14th, 27th, 32d Iowa, and 24th Mo.; was commanded at that time by Col. Wm. T. Shaw, of the 14th Iowa, and a braver or better man never drew sword in defense of his country. Our brigade battery, the 3d Ind., commanded by Lieut. Grier, was a veteran requested to write as often as they choose, organization, and was rated as one of the best in the service; in fact, the whole command of in the service; in fact, the whole command of A. J. Smith (some 10,000 strong), that left Vicksburg, Miss., March 8, 1864, to assist Banks in capturing Shreveport. La., were as fine a articles should be kept, in case of accidental loss.] in capturing Shreveport, La., were as fine a body of troops as ever gave battle to an insolent

Shreveport. It is a mystery to me why history can so pervert facts as stated on page 673 of Prof. S. M. Newman's Encyclopedia of American History, where it states Franklin's forces captured Fort directions I saw troops approaching, but we had the rebel flag before they got their hand in the pie. Of course the other boys would have done

rebel foe. We were not a part of Franklin's

forces, but an independent organization, belong-

ing to the Army of the Tennessee, sent to co-

operate with Banks in the reduction of

fort and got there first. opened fire on the rebel fortifications. We reached Alexandria next day, and remained there some 10 days, then proceeded up the river to Grand Cove, and in a few days marched duty, April 9, 1864, at 8 s. m. And yet, ac-

thieves) had done nothing. It was a grand good thing for Banks's army that Smith's command reached them the morning of April 9, 1864. Banks's men were disprevious (April 8). We stood between Banks's | How about the repulse of the famous "Tigers," army and destruction, and hurled back the proud, exultant rebel hosts of Kirby Smith, Dick Taylor, Price, Raines, and others, who, flushed with victory, were determined to capture Banks's 1,200 supply and ammunition- and drove the rebs back with loss and held train, and would have done so, but Smith's the line firm? The 94th Ill., supported by boys in blue successfully prevented the direful catastrophe. I know what I am talking about,

for I was there myself. as Comrade P. C. Smith says, where some 5,000 was truly a dark, dismal day to us, and, though we were reinforced at night, the reinforcewere left to be overpowered or to beat back the our hands on the 18th that they did not put in an appearance until the morning of the 20th of Bayou and taken up our pontoon bridge. Our brigade being rear-guard, our battery (3d Ind.) fired the last shots at the rebel cavalry in the distance as we bade adieu to the Red River where all did nobly, but our brigade lost more was thar." other brigade in that campaign. - JOSEPH H. BELL, Co. E, 27th Iowa, Exira, Iowa.

LOTS OF POWDER WASTED. A Maine Comrade Tells of a Battle between

HE following affair, which came under much shooting can be done without

In the Fall of 1863, the First Brigade, Second Division, First Corps, composed of the 12th and near High Bridge, April 7, 1865, and he Me., was camped near Bealton, Va. About unusual alarm. Our regiment, being nearest shortest possible time, and started in pursuit but got well, and many were killed in the in the direction of Warrenton, forming com- ditch. pany and regimental organization on the move. It was a wet day, but after a race of a mile or two we came up with a small supply-train which had been captured by Mosby's men, who | Crawford, M. D., 50th Ohio, about Perryville. had cut the animals loose and escaped, leaving the wagons in an old field near the timber. tism of fire, suffering a loss of 216 men killed made at Black River Bridge on the 17th of Our regiment returned to camp, leaving our and wounded. We were in Gen. Terrill's Bri. | May, 1863. If the comrade will consult company and another under command of the gade. We were on the left of the line, and the report of Gen. M. K. Lawler, which Lieutenant-Colonel to guard the wagons until stacked, and the men lounged around the wagons, till all at once a squadron of cavalry | the number) and carried back over the rocks came in sight a short distance away, when the and hills a distance of 85 miles to Louisville off when he makes that statement." scene became lively again. The mistake was and New Albany. I was taken to Hospital 1, mutual; each took the other for the rebel guerrillas. Our men flew to arms, and the cavalry formed for a charge. In less time than it takes to tell on came the cavalry in fine style, pell-mell, shouting and firing, the mud from the feet of their horses flying in air. Our men, without orders, at least I heard none, fell back a short distance into cover of the timber. My attention was fixed intently on the movement of the cavalry, and the first thing I heard from my comrades was a rattling volley from the our lines from Gen. Sheridan notifying them | rear. There I stood for a moment between the two fires in a ridiculous position, decidedly uncomfortable, until a shout a few yards to my the day, and the 4th Pa. Cav. resisted the last left and rear attracted my attention. Seth attack made by the enemy, and did the last | Seavey, of my company, had taken a position firing at the enemy that was done that day. In a clump of trees, and beckened me to join During our march from Jetersville Station to him, which I was not slow to do. The brave Appenattox Station we frequently saw the fellow afterward fell, shot dead, at Spottsylvarebel wagon-train and troops marching to our | nia on the fatal 10th of May, 1864. When I right in the same direction we were going. I joined him he had fired his gun, and was trying don't want to have it understood that I think | in vain to reload before the horsemen reached Gen. Sheridan's troops did it all, but I do think us, begging me at the same time not to shoot

Previous to that time I had been detailed to the men of Mosby, and my thought was to shoot the leader and escape into the timber and join my command. Pausing a moment to make certain of my aim, I raised my rifle and took deliberate aim at the breast of the leader. feeling sure that I should hit him, and pulled: but I cannot describe my feelings for a moment that followed, as my piece missed fire, and in a jump or two he was beside us, with drawn saber, eyes flashing, shouting and demanding the name of our regiment. He was unable to reach us, on account of the trees that protected us. We told him our regiment and asked his, the time. I quickly took a circuit around them | vet. to avoid their fire, and came up in the rear, acquainting them with the mistake. They at first doubted me, and asked me how I came to ceased firing and went out and met the cavalry, as it may seem,-there were from 100 to 200 men engaged, and several hundred shots fired. -I believe but one man was burt, and he, Edward Sibley, of my company, was but slightly wounded. I should be glad to know the name of the officer I came so near shooting, and to know if he realized how narrowly he escaped death. He was a large, tall young man, with rade inclosing dark beard, I think. I have thought many and postage. times what a terrible thing it would have been if I had hurt him .- H. F. ANDREWS, Co. D. 16th Me., Audubon, Iowa.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away,"

s the title of a little book just received, which tells all about NO-TO-BAC, the wonderful, harmless, guaranteed tobacco-habit cure. Sold at Drug Stores. NO-TO-BAC costs but a trifle, and man who wants guaranteed tobacco-habit cure. Sold at Drug Stores.
NO-TO-BAC costs but a trifle, and man who wants to quit and can't, had better send for it to-day; mailed free. Address THE STERLING REM-pailed free. Address THE STERLING REM-and finally skipped safely back to Kentucky, any of our readers who will send him 10 cents although hotly chased by a large force of rebels.

From Alert Comrades All Along the

[THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE receives each week hundreds of communications for publication in the Fighting Them Over and the Picket Shot columns. It is, of course, the desire of the Editor that all worthy ones should appear in print. He slights no one intentionally, but great care must be exercised in the selection and the editing of these manuscripts. It is obvious that the space which can be devoted to this class of matter is so limited that the Editor must confine himself to the publi-cation of those which are best suited and most widely interesting to the comrades. Comrades are legibly, briefly and to the point, on one side of the

Spanish Fort.

some of the members of the Second or Eagle Brigade come forward and sustain him in his recent statement in regard to the capture of Spanish Fort. If they fail to do so, he fears that he will be placed in the light of telling a false-De Russey. Franklin's command, some 100 | hood, and he is feeling like the man who had miles away, was the van of Gen. Banks's an elephant: he does not know how to let it go. army, which came from New Orleans, La. The | If any of the boys see this and fail to answer, he 5th Minn., he knows he will be backed up. Minn., puts in a claim for the Thirteenth Corps as well as we, but our brigade was nearer the at Spanish Fort. He continues: "If I remember rightly, the Sixteenth Corps came across Our battery was the first field-guns that the country from Pensacola, while the Thirteenth Corps marched up the east shore of Our brigade (the First Brigade of the Second Division, Thirteenth Corps) had the lead by out to Pleasant Hill. Now, mark you, here special permission of Gen. Granger, and the day we first saw Gen. Franklin, and here for the | we arrived near Spanish Fort the 20th Wis. defirst time Gen. A. J. Smith reported to him for | ployed as skirmishers and drove the rebs inside their works, and established the first line cording to history, Franklin had captured Fort | of investment of that fort on the left of our that night; then we were relieved by, I think, the 94th Ill. We continued to hold that part of the line during the investment, and when the works were taken we went in over that pirited by defeat at Sabine Crossroads the day part of the works in our immediate front.

who came over from the city to drive us out of our trenches? And the night they tried it, who was it that was in the trenches and lost 46 men? The 7th Vt. Who went to their rescue our regiment." How It Was. and Yellow Bayon, we added new luster to our Bird. 8th Iowa Cav., wants to know about a of us fought from early dawn till night against | command on Brazos Island, eight miles from

more than double our number of foes. That the mouth of the Rio Grande, went on a reconnoissance on the mainland with some 300 of the 34th Ind., two companies 2d Tex. Cav., ments were removed next morning, and we dismounted, and details from the 81st and 85th U. S. (colored). Some 12 miles up the Rio rebel army as best we might. But the Johnny | Grande we ran into a hornets' nest, among rebs had received such a severe drubbing at | which were Anderson's, Cater's and Giddings's cavalry, Benevida's 4th Ariz., two companies Texas Rangers and Jones's six-gun battery. May, by which time we had crossed Yellow | The Johnnies fell back up the river five or six the rear-guard, about 100 men, to stand them off, which we did so long as we had a cartridge. country. Perhaps I may be considered egotis- We had four men killed and seven wounded tic in speaking of my brigade, though I don't that I know of. Capt. Shelby (rebel) told me wish to be considered so. I wish not to dim they had 63 men killed and wounded. I could

tainly right when he claims that our troops got

At Fort Wagner.

inside of the fort in that awful charge July 18, 1863. There are plenty of men living today who can testify to that fact. Parts of the 67th and 62d and other regiments of that brigade got in and staid there until one and my personal observation, shows how two o'clock, and if reinforcements had come Keys. William Labor, a member of my comup could have remained there. But the odds were against them and the tide coming in, and to remain was to be overpowered without a retreat possible, and with some language not 39th Mass., 107th Pa., 104th N. Y., and 16th | found in the U. S. regulations the boys crawled out as best they could. A charge from one of noon on Nov. 21 a mounted man came rushing | those howitzers on the east side of the works into camp, shouting "Guerrillas!" causing an | went through the 67th's flag, leaving barely the outer edges and bullion fringe. Sam Methe scene, fell into line on the run, in the Donald, the Color-Sergeant, was well done up,

John L. Shoemaker, Co. G, 123d Ill., Casey, Ill.: "I saw an article from Comrade S. K. My regiment was there, and received its bapfought mostly on an old stubblefield. About he will find in the Records of the War fresh teams came to remove them. Arms were a week after the battle the wounded were of the Rebellion, Series 1, Vol. 24, Part loaded in wagon-trains (the writer being among Ward 3, in charge of Dr. Green, at the latter place. Where are all the boys that came with he does not know whether his regiment was that wagon-train? I would like to hear from one of the "Three Houndred Fighting Regi-

The 5th N. H.'s Flag.

Farmingham, Mass., writes: "I noticed in your paper of the 23d ult. a paragraph headed | and wishes they would speak up. 'Heroes,' that spoke of the saving of the 5th N. H.'s flag at Fredericksburg. I would say that I was the soldier from whom Lieut. Nettleton took the flag, and I always supposed he was killed, for I saw him fall. The center of the regiment was in front of the brick house in the field, and where I fell was at the right of this house and about 300 rods from the rebel works. I remember the pile of dead and wounded there. I would be pleased to hear from any of the boys of the 'Fighting 5th,' and Lieut. Nettleton if alive."

The Troops at Harper's Ferry. Theo. McAllister, Color-Sergeant, Cole's Cavalry, Barlow, Pa., writes: "Please correct the slight mistake in a recent issue with regard | the 123d. stroyed, and that they would have held their shoot beeves, and was a good shot. Seavey to the troops captured at Harper's Ferry, Sept. of Hay's Brigade with one gun of Dilger's more than 3,000 of our dead comrades, the ground when they got there. The history and myself were the only ones of our com- 15, 1862. Some portion of the garrison was not Va., writes: "I have been a reader of The Nayards in advance of his command. We felt | 8th N. Y. Cav., and a small detachment of morning of the 15th that Miles was surrendering the garrison of 12,000 men at Harper's Maryland battalion escorting the train to Chambersburg, Pa., the same day." Homes for Settlers.

Geo. H. Grace, Co. M, 4th Ill. Cav., Perry, Iowa, desires to communicate with comrades living where there is Government land to homestead in a good game country. Alfred Brenner, Co. L, 11th N. J. Cav., timber, who were keeping up a heavy fire all | and where there is Government land to be had John Knox, Kingfisher, Okla. Ter., writes: "A great many of the comrades are seeking information about the Cherokee Strip, which is

be in the rear, which was explained, and they now about to be opened for settlement. I will say after a year's residence that this Territory when the officers had a lively set-to, consuring | will make one of the best and richest regions in each other for bringing on the fight. Strange | the United States. It is not only an A 1 agricultural country, but is destined to be one of the foremost fruit sections in the United States. Nowhere have I seen fruit trees so thrifty or grow so rapidly. It is also very healthy, and as a general thing affords good water. For further information in regard to the best mode of letter if any comrades know anything about securing a home here, I will reply to any comrade inclosing two stamps to pay stationery A Great Raid.

> W. H. Morgan, Co. K, 1st Tenn., Graysville, Tenn., writes about the Sanders and Bird raid

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At Vicksburg.

know who Lieut. Geo. H. McKinney, Assistant service three years, I could not say why a Quartermaster should be relied upon to vindicate the honor of a regiment. Let me give you a little history of the 77th Ill. Before dawn on the morning of the 22d of May, the 22d Iowa had gained the ravine nearest the J. H. Bowman, First Lieutenant, Co. D, 47th fort in their immediate front. The distance Ill., Oak Lodge, I. T., says he would like to have to the fort was, I think, about 200 yards. All movements were made with such stillness that one could almost hear himself breathe, and orders were given in whispers. Companies A and B were detached from the regiment. B was deployed to the right and A to the left, with orders to move to the front as far as possible, and not allow a Confederate to show himself above their works. Everything fort in question was captured March 14, 1862, | will consider them weak in the knees; but if he | was as quiet as death in front as well as on our about 5 p. m., by our brigade (Col. Shaw's). I | could hear from Maj. Ed. Bonham, Lieut. John | own line until the appointed hour arrived for remember I was among the first to reach the B. Harlow, or Capt. Royal Olmstead, of Co. A. the assault. Then, when our gallant boys arose parapet of the fort, and in looking in other 47th Ill., or any of the 11th Mo., 8th Wis., or to ascend that hill, the Confederates stood on their breastworks in defiance; but it was but S. C. Martin, Co. B, 20th Wis., Brainard, for a moment, as scores of them bit the dust. But the gallant regiment, with bayonets fixed, charged with a yell right up and into the fort. The right of the regiment struck the fort; the left had a greater distance to reach the rifle-pits, and therefore did not reach them. Mobile Bay after the taking of Fort Morgan. | The flag was planted on the fort. Fifteen prisoners were taken out of it and sent to the rear. Urgent requests were sent back for reinforcements, so that we might hold the ground. Finally, after too much delay, the 77th Ill. was sent to our aid, but never came any nearer the fort than the ravine where we formed to make the charge. This is honest, cold facts. I don't De Russey, and, of course, we (Smith's Chicken- lines. We held the line till after nine o'clock | say it to cause the belief that the 77th were not

Information Asked and Given. J. S. Durham, Co. C. 87th Ill., Cherokee City. Ark., says that Alexander Cautner served through the late war and died soon after his return home. His discharge was lost, and his widow has no recollection as to what regiment her husband served in but thinks he enlisted at Little Rock. Any comrade who can furnish the widow with the number of the regiment in which her husband served will do a favor which will be appreciated

as Mrs. Cantner is almost destitute. S. C. Mills, Stetsonville, Wis., wants to ex-A. P. Carr, Co. H, 34th Ind., Lake Park, change photograph of the "war eagle" Old Again, at Cane River, Marksville, Prairie, Wash., writes: "In the issue of Feb. 2 H. T. Abe," of the 8th Wia, for a photograph or corand Yellow Bayon, we added new luster to our Bird, 8th Iowa Cav., wants to know about a rect likeness of the following army officers: arms, and especially at the Bayou May 18, 1864, fight on the banks of the Rio Grande in Texas, Gen. A. J. Smith, Commander Sixteenth Corps; May 13, 1865. On that date Col. Barret, in Gen. Joseph O. Mower, Commander of 11th Mo. and of a division, Seventeenth Corps; Col. R. C. Murphy, Col. G. W. Robbins, Maj. J. W. Jefferson, and Adj't Ezra D. Sprague, all of the 8th Wis., Live Eagle Regiment.

A. L. Fitch, 14th Ohio battery, Miller, Neb. says that Comrade Joseph Ray, Co. A, 41st Ill is wrong when he claims that the 14th Ohio battery was not the first to land at Pittsburg Landing. The writer says that his battery miles, then they flanked us, and Barret with was on the first boat and he helped to shove the the main column lit out for Brazos, leaving plank, and was the first ashore. After the battery had been transferred and the horses hitched, some Illinois Colonel came and ordered the Captain to move up the hill, which he refused to do, for the reason that there had not been any infantry sent ahead. The 14th or the laurels of any of Gen. Smith's noble boys, tell a lot more about it, for I have an idea I | 15th Ill. then went up the hill and the battery followed. This was on March 10, 1862, about four days before Comrade Ray, with Co. A, J. H. Hermance, Co. E, 67th Ohio, Little Skirmished through the woods, which was a Rock, Ark., writes: "Comrade Kost is cer-safe place to go through then. Did Good Service.

Issiah McJunkin, Highpoint, Kan., writes: I enjoy reading sketches from my old comrades, and would like to hear from many more. I belonged to Co. B, 73d Ohio. The boys called me "Corporal Mac." I was wounded at Cross pany, was shot dead while in the act of helping remove me from the battlefield. After returning to my regiment, not being able to march, I took charge of the ammunition. After being transferred to Chattanooga I was Wagon-master of Twentieth Corps ammunitiontrain. I would like to hear from Mat Weber. Frank Ferry, both of Wisconsin; Robert Ward, of Ohio; Marion Carter, and other teamsters.

To Settle the Question. S. E. Shepard, Lieutenant, Mineral Point, Wis., writes: "I noticed in your paper of Feb. 2 a communication from I. H. Russell, of Dabuque, Iowa, and member of the 21st Iowa, in which he says that he knows that there were but two regiments in the charge Second, page 137; also Gen. Grant's Memoirs, Vol. 1, page 525, he will find that he is badly

H. K. Rugh, Co. I, 21st Mo., Azen, Mo., says ments," but he does know that it was a fighter from way back. Col. Moore was as brave a man Frederick Barrett, Corporal, Co. F. 5th N. H., as ever carried a sword. The writer has seen nothing from the comrades of his organization,

Want to Get Married.

The following wish correspondence with a view to matrimony : M. I. France, Aurora, Mo. ; Frederick Swope, Michaelsville, Md., German lady from Wurtemberg preferred; John Brown, Springfield, O.

George Kendall, Co. A, 123d Ill, M't'd Inf. Shelbina, Mo., was with Wilson's cavalry on the raid to Selma, Ala., in the Spring of 1865, and has been highly interested in reading the recollections of Gen. R. H. G. Minty, his old division commander. He would be glad to hear by letter from any of his old comrades of P. M. Pelley, Co. A, 12th W. Va., Sherrard, W.

battery, which had fixed prolonge and was fired loyal, the brave and the true, who did their of what had been done by them will bear me mand in sight of the cavalry, who were makpart to save our country's honor. Why should the role of the cavalry, who were mak. In the battle of save our country's honor. Why should the role of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the hight of the cavalry, who were mak. Captured on that occasion. On the high occasion of the cavalry of the cavalry occasion. On the high occasion of the cavalry occasion. On the high occasion occasion of the cavalry occasion occasion. On the high occasion occasion occasion occasion. On the high occasion occasion occasion occasion. On the high occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion. On the high occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion. On the high occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion occasion. certain they were rebels, although clothed in | Rhode Island cavalry cut their way through the | eye shot out, and have carried a rebel bullet in Federal uniform. That was no new trick with rebel lines, and about the same hour of the my head for 29 years. The next day I, with other wounded, was started to Harper's Ferry, and among others was Capt. Jesse Plattenburg, Ferry, we were busily engaged in capturing of Co. D, 2d W. Va., who was shot through the Longstreet's ammunition train of 61 wagons on arm, close up to the shoulder. The Captain the Hagerstown and Williamsport pike; our approached me where I was lying along the side of the ambulance and said: "Here, 12th Va., take this canteen and pour this water on my wound, for it hurts like the very devil." I did not know that the Captain was in the habit of swearing, and I commenced to pour, and he was to hold under in range while I poured the water. Just as the operation commenced the ambulance ran over some obstruction in the road, and the canteen came suddenly in confeeling greatly relieved to learn that it was the later with the hole in his arm. It is not necessary to say the Captain swore. I would like to correspond that with the hole in his arm. It is not necessary to say the Captain swore. I would like to drew out the fire from our comrades in the climate—for instance, the Ozark Mountains— know if the Captain has forgotten the circumstance vet, if he is still alive. From Harper's Ferry I was taken to Frederick City Hospital, and was assigned to Tent 20. I shall never forget the care and kind attention I received while there from the Nurse who took care of me. I have forgotten his first name; his last was Busby. He belonged to the 29th Me., and if living I would like to hear from him." F. W. Ohlinger, Co. D. 13th W. Va., Winter Haven, Fla., writes: "There recently came into our section one Michael McDaniel, who claims to have belonged to Co. K. 69th N. Y .: also to Co. A, 30th U. S. Inf., after the war of

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the rebellion. We would like to know by

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T. C. Jones, Lieutenant, Co. A, 22d Iowa, American Graphite owa, City, writes: "I don't presume to Are unequalled for smooth, tough leads. If not family Quartermaster, Fourth Division, Thirteenth Corps, is, but I will say that after being in the DIXON CRUCIBLE CO., Jersey City, N. 5

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